(WASHINGTON, DC) - U.S. Representative Chet Edwards released the following statement after the Texas Transportation Commission today formally approved use of Proposition 12 bond revenue to pay for improvements to I 35 in Hill, McLennan, and Bell counties:

"This is great news for Central Texas. These much-needed funds will not only improve travel on I-35, it will create jobs, and promote long term economic growth in Central Texas."

Edwards wrote a letter to the Texas Transportation Commission in support of using the Proposition 12 funds for IH35 construction in Hill, McLennan, and Bell counties. Approximately \$1.1 billion was approved for the three Central Texas counties.

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